Public Enemy Lyrics

"Shut Em Down"

I testified

My mama cried

Black people died

When the other man lied

See the TV, listen to me double trouble

I overhaul and I'm comin'

From the lower level

I'm takin' tabs

Sho nuff stuff to grab

Like shirts it hurts

Wit a neck to wreck

Took a poll 'cause our soul

Took a toll

From the education

Of a TV station

But look around

Hear go the sound of the wreckin' ball

Boom and Pound

When I

Shut 'em down

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What I use in the battle for the mind

I hit it hard

Like it supposed

Pullin' no blows to the nose

Like uncle L said I'm rippin' up shows

Then what it is

Only 5 percent of the biz

I'm addin' woes

That's how da way it goes

Then U think I rank never drank, point blank

I own loans

Suckers got me runnin' from the bank

Civil liberty I can't see to pay a fee

I never saw a way to pay a sap

To read the law

Then become a victim of a lawyer

Don't know ya, never saw ya

Tape cued

Gettin' me sued

Playin' games wit' my head

What the judge said put me in the red

Got me thinkin' 'bout a trigger to the lead

No no

My education mind say

Suckers gonna pay

Anyway

There gonna be a day
'Cause the troop they roll in
To posse up
Whole from the ground
Ready to go
Throw another round
Sick of the ride
It's suicide

It's suicide
For the other side of town
When I find a way to shut 'em down
Who count the money
In da neigborhood
But we spendin' money
To no end lookin' for a friend
In a war to the core
Rippin' up the poor in da stores
Till they get a brother

Kickin' down doors Then I figure I kick it bigger Look 'em dead in the eye

And they wince
Defense is pressurized
They don't want it to be
Another racial attack

In disguise so give some money back
I like Nike but wait a minite
The neighborhood supports so put some

Money in it
Corporations owe
Dey gotta give up the dough
To da town
or else
We gotta shut 'em down